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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Severe cold persisted until the last two days, when temperatures rose to above normal. Moderate to heavy snow fell over the eastern half of the State, but the snow was very light in the west. Most of the snow had melted by late Sunday afternoon.

CROPS Wheat received considerable benefit from the moisture of the snow which fell during the past week. Fortunately, snow was heaviest in south central and south eastern Nebraska where it was mostly needed. Reports indicate some drifting in western Nebraska. Farm work was at a standstill most of the week because of the inclement weather. In western Nebraska, marketing of potatoes continued, but there was practically no market for beans since the slump in price. Farm labor supply is generally reported ample.

Merchantable stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers was at a very low level February 1 with only 1,910,000 bushels against 3,430,000 bushels a year earlier and 3,050,000 bushels in 1946. Potatoes have been moving quite rapidly. The total February 1 stocks for the 18 surplus late States was approximately 86 million bushels against 116 million bushels a year earlier and 84 million in 1946. The first estimate of the winter potato crop in Florida and Texas is 1,054,000 bushels against last year's crop of 1,306,000 bushels for the two States.

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There is considerable difference of opinion from the different counties as to the future trend of grain and livestock prices, but general opinion is that prices will strengthen. There is a tendency to hold wheat and corn, since the supply of especially corn is small. Some livestock has been marketed but there appears to be a tendency to hold livestock longer, even fat hogs that are ready for market.

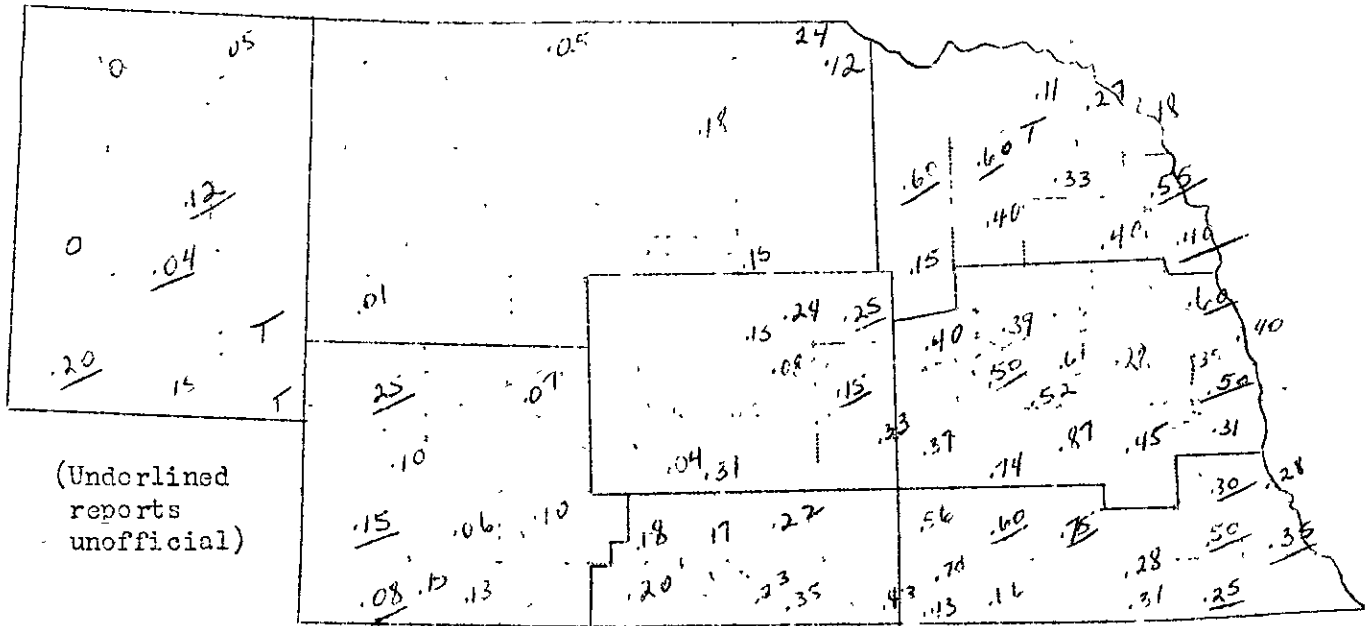
LIVESTOCK The cold and unfavorable weather the past week necessitated the feeding of considerable hay and forage and the low temperatures were a little severe on livestock. Generally, feed supplies are ample, but the reports from counties indicate very little surplus of grain concentrates and even hay and forage. The majority of the reports indicate an ample supply of these feeds, but with more or less shortage of grain and concentrates and some shortage of hay and forage. Feeders were having difficulty to get corn since farmers are not eager to sell at the reduced price. Similar difficulty in getting corn was reported prior to the break in price.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1948.

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.33	Burwell	.15	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.45	North Platte	.07	Hayes Center	.06
Norfolk	.40	Valentine	.05	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.40			Sidney	.08
Sioux City	.18				

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Feb.													
		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	26	0	3	-10	11	-11	26	-2	40	20	52	24	58	38
	Scottsbluff	47	3	13	-6	12	0	23	-3	44	13	52	24	59	32
	Sidney	45	6	23	-6	9	0	22	-12	37	15	45	23	56	27
N-C	Burwell	28	16	21	-5	8	--	25	4	33	--	32	24	58	--
	Valentine	23	5	8	-7	10	-14	24	-2	38	18	47	27	60	31
NE	Norfolk	25	12	22	0	5	-11	21	10	24	7	24	20	41	34
	Sioux City	23	15	27	9	9	-11	17	6	28	11	24	9	43	31
Cen.	Grand Island	35	17	24	-1	8	-4	20	10	29	13	27	19	44	35
E-C	Lincoln	31	15	23	7	22	-3	13	13	25	16	29	22	45	36
	Omaha	28	13	26	11	22	-10	15	12	28	9	28	20	48	35
SW	Hayes Center	46	24	37	-4	7	4	20	-3	39	21	46	25	62	35
	North Platte	47	15	25	-5	9	-1	20	-3	41	17	48	23	62	32

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